

# Change highlights recent Capitol Campus history

By Jerry Trently

We've been through more change over the last year and a half at Capitol Campus than you'll probably ever realize.

Dr. Stanley Miller has done a commendable job taking over the provost/dean title for the somewhat ambitious planner, Dr. Theodore Gross, who left here last summer.

One of Miller's best attributes has been his attitude toward students. Capitol Campus probably couldn't have a man at the helm with a better disposition toward students, and Miller is a man who's hallway presence is much more recognizable than was Gross'.

After making what was considered a controversial move early in the semester, Miller released Dr. Harold Gilmore from the position of Business Division Head. And so, another personnel change took place at a time when



the entire university seemed to be reshaping its administration.

Dr. Bryce Jordan became University President following the departure of former President John Oswald. And again we face the installation of a new provost/dean here at Capitol, a process which may be completed next month.

No topic has been discussed as much as the semester change. Some hate it, some love it, and some love to hate it. At any rate, it's obvious to me that our students and faculty have not yet been able to adjust to the idea of 15-week semesters as opposed to three ten-week terms.

Our Student Government Association has been through its share of changes. Since the end of summer, it has gone through two treasurers and several committees. Its committees have discussed topics like the semester change, provost/dean selection, and armament of Capitol Campus police officers. The latter has seemed to go into hibernation, as the SGA has not made any significant move on the issue it so fervently discussed in fall.

And then there are the physical changes too.

A year ago, the area in front of the Olmsted Building was little more than a grassy tract of land.

Now construction crews are putting final touches on the \$2 million Science and Technology Building, while across campus another building has been partially demolished following a fire there last spring.

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As much as some criticize the workings here, or the military look of the campus, it must reach for the goal of becoming a community learning center, a cultural resource for this area, and a place that will continue changing as do the needs of the students that come here.

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### LETTERS

Editor,

In October, fliers were distributed throughout Meade Heights and Church and Wrisberg dorms, asking for student input into the issue of moving the Student Center. Permission has been granted for the move by University Park on the basis that a "more centrally located" facility will enhance student social life here at Capitol Campus, and be utilized to a greater extent. The controversy of this issue is the phrase "more centrally located."

A simple map shows that the center of things with respect to Capitol Campus property lines. However, regarding student housing facilities, which essentially define the campus community, the Multi-Purpose Building is far off center.

Not ruling out new construction, the field along the Meade Heights path appears to be the ideal location for the Student Center, since it is centered between Meade Heights and Church and Wrisberg dorms. And if only existing structures are considered, then the most legitimate choice benefiting the student community is the building currently serving as the Student Center.

Apparently, officials in decision-making positions are maligned with the real needs of the student community here at Capitol Campus. Obviously, better communication is vital to resolve issues like this, the planned relocation of the Student Center to the Multi-Purpose Building. Something must be done, and we as students should have a hand in it.

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### To avoid misinterpretation:

Wayne Svez, president of Chi Rho, has informed Capitol Times that Chi Rho, described in last month's Times as "a Catholic organization," is open to persons of any denomination.